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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON PRIORITY

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FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. ADMINISTRATION IS DRAWING UP BRIEF AND TIGHT LISTS OF SPECIFIC POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADORS AT EACH POST, UPDATING AND FOCUSING MORE SHARPLY THOSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN SET FORTH IN CONNECTION WITH BUDGET/POLICY PROCESS. THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WE HAVE DEFINED FOR YOUR MISSION ARE:

2. GENERAL POLITICAL

-- MAINTAIN GOOD IF NOT CLOSE RELATIONS WITH BURMA'S ALOOF GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE BURMESE PEOPLE, WITH A VIEW TOWARD A WARMER FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WHEN BURMA IS READY. (STATE, FIELD)

NARCOTICS

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-- CONTINUE TO PROMOTE BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO STEM THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS FROM THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE TO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS AND TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF OPIUM PRODUCED IN BURMA. (STATE/DEA/FIELD)

-- INSURE THAT FIXED-WING AND OTHER PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED EQUIPMENT ARE USED SOLELY FOR ANTI-NARCOTICS PURPOSES.

(STATE, FIELD)

-- FACILITATE, AS FEASIBLE, BURMESE-THAI EFFORT AT
COOPERATION AND COORDINATION IN ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS.

(STATE, DEA, FIELD)

ECONOMIC

-- INDICATE U.S. INTEREST IN THE INITIATION AND IMPLEMEN-
TATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ECONOMIC POLICY CHANGES WHICH
WILL BETTER MOBILIZE PRIVATE DOMESTIC INVESTMENT RESOURCES.

(STATE, FIELD)

-- ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT IN CONSIDERING ECONOMIC POLICY
CHANGES TO PERMIT PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN BURMA.

(STATE, FIELD)

-- RECOMMEND, IF AND WHEN DEEMED APPROPRIATE, A MODEST
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR BURMA. (STATE, AID, FIELD)

HUMAN RIGHTS

-- ENHANCE BURMESE UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS
POLICY BY RAISING THE SUBJECT IN THE COURSE OF ROUTINE
CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING
TREATMENT OF ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS IN BURMA.

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3. THE ABOVE LIST PURPOSELY OMITTS SUCH TRADITIONAL "GOALS
AND OBJECTIVES" AS IMPROVING RELATIONS, MAINTAINING EXIST-
ING TIES AND ASSOCIATIONS, PROTECTING BUSINESS, EXPANDING
TRADE, AND U.S. CITIZEN INTERESTS, AS WELL AS REFERENCES
TO IMPLEMENTING BASIC POLICIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION SUCH
AS HUMAN RIGHTS, NON-PROLIFERATION, ARMS SALES, AND DEVELOP-
MENT ASSISTANCE UNLESS THESE REQUIRE UNUSUAL OR PARTICULAR
EMPHASIS OR DE-EMPHASIS IN A GIVEN COUNTRY. NEGOTIATION
OF NEW AGREEMENTS OR ON KEY SUBJECTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED
AND IF THESE ARE NOT NOTED AND YOU BELIEVE THEY ARE AREAS
WHERE SUCH NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED, PLEASE MAKE
ADDITIONS OR SUGGESTED CHANGES. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR
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